COLBY, - - - - KANSAS.

SATISFIED.

At twenty-three
I plance I my scheme of life—I'd be
A me chant, toward whose waiting ple
Globe-circling ships should homeware

steer From Orient and Occident. When millions had been won. I meant se a wife of gentle ra Conose a which and fair in face; Build me a palace with each part '2y art designed, enriched by art; and, finally, to have one son. Handsome and tall, but only one. Thus I forecast my destiny At twenty-three.

At forty-three, How have I prospered? Let me see— I find myself a simple clerk, With light reward and heavy work, Yet, hoping for advance in rank. I owe no man, and have in bank A trifle saved. I occupy Some fourth-floor rooms, which Kate

and I
Think charming. (Kate's my wife, you

know,
A pretty seamstress long ago,) We have six girls—perhaps too many— But not for worlds we'd part with any. So kind has fortune been to me At forty-three.
—Menley II. Pike, in Life.

STORY OF A BOOK.

Why the Old Geography Had an Honored Place.

The housemaid had found it in an old cedar box in the attic and put it beside a volume of Dickens on the middle shelf of the library book-ease. It was a little, square, green-covered, dog-eared, round-cornered geography. It was published when the art of geography - making was, comparatively speaking, in its infancy. Its maps had blue seas, green, red, white, yellow, purple, brown and many other colored lands, and it was embellished with odd pictures of still odder people dressed more singularly still who have become entirely extinct long since the artist who drew them died, if the geographies of the present day are reliable in their illustrations. The advent of this old-fashioned volume among the richly-bound books in the library caused a flutter of excitement not unmingled with indignation.

"I can't see for the life of me," claimed a collection of Matthew Arnold's essays, "why this common book should force himself upon our com-

"No, nor L" responded the Dickens novel, sharply. "If this library is to be turned into a literary junk shop we might as well be in a second-hand

"Yes, indeed," echoed in unison a row of Scott's novels, which stood like a line of British soldiers, with brightred suits, on an opposite shelf.

"Come, what have you got to say for yourself?" inquired gruff old Ben Jonson. "What made you stick yourself in here against our consent?"

grew up and where I would have been

"She?" interrupted Dickens. "Who is she, pray?"

"Why, don't you know her?" replied the Geography in amazement. thought you must know her. She used to kiss the soiled and disfigured conto study me when she was a little tinent two tear drops were mingled pink-faced girl, years and years ago. She and Jack studied me together. They were very fond of me, and I suppose that is the reason I have been kept so long."

so long.
"'Jack?'" again inquired the inquisitive Dickens, "who is 'Jack?"

"Jack," continued the Geography, enthusiastically, "was the handsomest boy I ever knew, and I knew a whole generation of boys and girls, too. I ought to know them well, for I was read, thumbed and studied by them for nearly forty years before Jack found me on the book-shelf in his father's library, where his older brother had left me when he finished school and went

"That doesn't explain how you happened to be here," interposed Ben Jonson, rudely. "Come, tell us that."

"I was just about to tell you," continued the Geography. "You see, Jack took me to school with him the very first day he went there. It was the little red school-house under the hill. You probably know it. No? I thought every one knew where that was. The master was very strict and very cruel, so I used to think, and every day he used to whip nearly all the boys and keep half the girls in at recess just because they whispered. I tell you that boys and girls can't keep from whispering in school any more than from breathing. I said 'nearly all' the boys. Jack was one he didn't whip. Why? Jack was a cripple. How did that happen? I'll tell you. Phillis-she was Jack's sweetheart-was the prettiest girl in all the school. She was pounger than Jack just a year. He as twelve and she eleven, and they leved each other just as much as people a good deal older than they were, do if not a little more. One day after school Jack and Phillis were sliding down the school-house hill on Jack's big sled. The master was out watching them. The road didn't run straight down the hill, but wound around down through a small grove of trees. The road had been covered with water and was ice from top to bottom, and the sleds slew faster than the wind as they went down. This afternoon Phillis sat in the front of the aled, her little red stockings curled up ates on the staffs of the ander her dress, while Jack held on be-

hind and steered with his leg. They started—the last slide they had—from the top, and were going faster than they had ever gone before, when Phillis gave a little scream and caught hold of the sled tighter than ever. Jack looked over her shoulder and saw a log sled, piled high with logs, crossing the road. How fast they were going, and how slow it crept along. The seconds seemed like years. They couldn't pos-sibly turn out, for it was in the very middle of the grove. It didn't take Jack long to make up his mind what to

do. With a quick sweep of his leg he turned the sled sideways. He couldn' stop it, but he could make the end where he sat hit the logs first. A second later Phillis was lying in a little frightened heap in the snow by the roadside unhurt, but Jack was stretched out, white and senseless, under his sled by the side of the big runners of the log sled.

"The master picked him up and carried him to the school-house. Then he sent for Jack's father, who was the country doctor. After Jack opened his eyes and knew any one he was carried home, and he didn't leave it all winter long. His back was injured, so they said. The next spring he was able to go to school again, but he couldn't play with the other boys. His crutches were in the way, and no matter how much he whispered the master never whipped him. He never wanted to, either, for most every one loved Jack. He used to sit with little Phillis, and they learned their lessons out of me. During recess they would open me at the map of Europe and mark out the trip they were going to take when they grew up and were married. They were going to Paris where Jack was going to be cured. Then they would live in Italy vear or so on the banks of a beautiful ake, and they would be so happy that they would not care whether they had any money or not."

"Well," observed Dickens, when the Geography paused a moment to breathe, "did they marry?"

"No," returned the other, sadly. The next year Jack died and was buried in the little church-yard behind the village church. Phillis' father preached the sermon at the funeral and the whole school put flowers on the grave. For awhile Phillis was inconsolable, but such fret never lasts very long, and before her school days were over she was just as cheery and much more beautiful than ever before. I was laid away years before she grew uplaid away very carefully-for Phillis never forgot the secrets that I shared with her. But I haven't seen her for years. I don't know really what has become of her. She brought me to this house with her in the old chest. I'-At this moment the library door

opened and there entered the mistress of the house, a slight, handsome woman, with a sweet face and silver

"I thought I heard a noise on the book shelves," she said, "but I don't see any thing there to make it now. "I didn't want to come," answered Perhaps it might have been a mouse, the geography, mildly. "Indeed I I'll look for it. Why!" she exclaimed, didn't. It wasn't my fault. I was as she seized the old geography and lying in the old cedar chest in the drew it out of its place, "how did this attic, where I have lain ever since she dear old book ever come down here? I thought I had lost it years ago."

Sitting down near the table she opened the well-worn leaves. When she came to the old-time map of Europe criss-crossed by pencil marks her face softened, and as she bent over

"I think," whispered Dickens to Matthew Arnold, as he nodded in the direction of the old geography, "I think I know, now, why the geography was kept so long.

"Yes," softly echoed the red-coated line of Scott. "Yes; we think you do." Benjamin Northrop, in N. Y. Graphic

A MEAN TRICK.

How a Seedy-Looking Individual Enjoyed Himself Without Expense.

Yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, a dog with a tin kettle tied to its wagging machinery was observed on Austin avenue. The dog did not appear to be much alarmed at the kettle any more than the average politician is when he is nominated to a lucrative office. He took it as a matter of course. There was a tall, seedylooking young man standing near crowd on the sidewalk. He looked intently at the dog for a moment, and then said:

"By thunder! that is Banker Thomp son's little daughter's lost dog he has offered fifty dollars for.

Immediately five different men, with their mouths sticking out like mucilage bottles, tried to whistle, and saying:

"That's a good little doggy!" vanced on the astonished animal. One very respectable-looking gentleman with a silk hat on, tried to detain the animal by his handle, but the dog got mixed up with his legs, and dow came like a pile-driver. Several hackmen, who were subsequently arrested for leaving their tears, joined in the canvass, and when the procession turned the corner, with the dog and at tachment twenty feet in advance, al most every class of our cosmopolitan population had its delegate in the pageant. Then it was that the sleek young man doubled himself up, and went behind a door until his emotions

-There are 2,073 juvenile societie connected with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with an aggregate membership of 97,964.

had passed over .- Texas Siftings.

-There are forty-two college gradu-ates on the staffs of the six leading daily

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

The Chicago Board of Education has fitted up and opened workshops in connection with the high school for the purpose of affording such pupils as lesire it a course of manual training. and this as a part of the public-school system .- Chicago Journal.

-The anti-tithe agitation in Wales has assumed such proportions that a subscription has been started by a committee of prominent English church men to raise funds to relieve the present necessities of those elergymen in Wales who are left destitute by the refusal of the parishioners to pay the tithe dues.

-President Taylor, of the Mormon Church, has sent a letter to Secretary Lamar, in which he says that the future of the church over which he presides "is indissolubly connected with the land." He thinks it possible that in the future the Mormons may found colonies outside of the United States .-Chicago Tribune.

-Delaware Avenue Church, Buffalo. has determined to ring its bell no more Good. Next to the nuisance of steam whistles in city is the clanging of bells. A church bell is no more needed in a city now than an ox-eart, or any other relic of a past age. And the church spire is about as useless as the bell .-Western Christian Advocate.

-The one hundred and twentieth an niversary of the old John Street Methedist Church, New York, was celebrated recently, Rev. B. M. Adams officiating, The old clock in the Sunday-school room, where the service was held, was sent from England by John Wesley, and has struck the hour for Coke, Asbury, McKendree and Whatcoat.-N. Y. Tribune.

-That pews have a market value was shown when two of them, 64 and 169, in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. of which Rev. John Hall is pastor, were put up at auction at the Real Estate Exchange, New York. The ground rent of each pew is \$60 a year, which, it was announced, the pur chasers would have to pay. Pew 64 brought without much trouble \$2250. The other pew was knocked down for \$3000.-N. Y. Mail.

-An old Methodist preacher once offered the following prayer in a prayer-meeting: "Lord, help us to trust Thee with our souls." "Amen. was responded by many voices. "Lord, help us to trust Thee with our bodies." 'Amen" was responded with as much warmth as ever. "Lord, help us to trust Thee with our money;" but to this petition the "amen" was not forthcoming. Is it not strange that when religion touches some men's pockets it cools their ardor at once, and seals their lips?-The Pulpit

SAYINGS OF DUNDER.

Chunks of Teutonic Philosophy of a markably Practical Nature. Vhen he vhas well enough let him It whas better to do a big peesness in

shmall shtore dan to do a shmall peesness in a big shtore. Some folks vhas sooch kickers dot dev

complains of der shmall size of apple Many a coon dot ish kildt oop a tree

could haf got avhay all right on der groundt. I haf took notis dot dose peoples who

borrow der moas' tea and coffee und sugar from deir neighbors, borrow der east troubles for demselves. Der family who doan' provide for a

sooch a dry time as nefer vhus. Sometimes Truth goes out to take

walk and meets Gossip, but der pair nefer comes home together. I belief dot if I vhas vhort \$10,000, 000 I could feel sorry for der troubles o

der whole worldt. Good Luck vhas somepody who vhill help a fool ash queek as a wise man. Success vhas der reward of hardt vhork

und perseverance. Der leedle shildren dot we see aroun us vhas der rain-drops dot keep de hearts of men from becoming parched

und dusty. One half der peoples goes up a ladder to look for a prize which whas under der house all der time.

May pe it was petter for us dot we af some troubles. If notings happen vhe pecome so happy dot vhe mel avhay und der sidevhalk vhas all

Kind vhords cost nothings; dot's vhy o many of us earry such a sthock of

Der working-man who has go redit mit der grocer und butcher vhill always pe a poor man.

People vhill look for oranges in a

cabbage field, and pecause no oranges vhas foundt, dot same peoples are de termined not to appreciate cabbage.

Truth vhas a big thing, but der vhas sometimes vhen a big lie vhas vhort two of him to make der family all right. Dot whas mine experience mit philosophy .- Detroit Free Press.

A Hint for Stout Ladies

It is a pity, writes a Paris corre pondent, that all stout ladies born in or about 1850 can not see how the tirewoman of Queen Isabella arranges her head when she is going to church, to a flower-show, to drive out, or on a journey. It seldom looks muf-fled up, yet it is nearly always so. The bonnet, or whatever it may be called, is a drapery of rich blonde lace, some-times white and sometimes black. There is just garniture enough to show that the wearer does not wish to be reckoned an old lady, and is not ambitious to pass for a young one. There is always a touch of the Spanish vail in the way in which the lace is made to fall, but not more.—Chicago Times. USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

-Salt will absorb odors. Where is ours kept? - The Household.

-A few drops of extract of lavender will prevent mucilage from molding or ocoming sour.—Exchange.
—Cloths dipped into hot potato water

are recommended for immediate and complete relief in the severest cases of enmatism.—Cleveland Leader.
—Many Dakota farmers this year

nised flay for fuel, a ton of flay being considered more valuable for heating purposes than a ton of soft coal. Bronzes should not be washed, but

dusted and wiped off with a dry cloth. Water dulls and gradually destroys bronze - finished brie-a-brac. - Boston Post. -The object of cultivating the soil is

to raise from it a crop of plants. In order to cultivate with economy we must raise the largest possible quantity with the least expense and without permanent injury to the soil .- Detroit Tri-

-Dr. T. H. Hoskins reminds those whom it may concern that the milk flow is not only diminished by bad treatment of the cow-as striking with fist or stool, or foolish yelling-but also by handling by inexperienced milkers.-N. Y. Tribune. -As one sows, so will he reap. Foul

seed will usually bring fouler crops. With clean seed it will require some little time to get the land clean, if it is full of foul stuff: but it can be done. and you will be more than paid for your trouble .- T. B. Terry.

-Griddle Cakes: One and a half pints of buttermilk, one teaspoonful soda, one or two eggs, one tablespoonful molasses, one half teaspoonful salt, stir, add one quart of flour, stir well and bake on hot greased griddles; when holes begin to appear in tops of cakes they are ready to turn. The milk should be quite sour .- Toledo Blade.

-The farmer leads a pleasant life. "All day long, with a laugh and a song," he drives the alien cow from his cornfield and repairs the rail fence. Merrily he swings the axe to and fro and the chips fly right and left, until, vielding to his well-aimed blows, the tree falls on him and breaks a leg.-Drovers' Journal.

-Mr. S. H. Marsh, of Michigan, say the mulberry is the best post timber that can be grown in this country, and that it is almost rot-proof, except at the surface of the ground. As it is easily grown, and in nearly all sections, it should receive greater attention as post timber as well as for shade and the feed of silk-worms.

-A Soft Quilt: If coarse hen and turkey feathers are stripped up the two side plumes from the stem, and thrown into a bag, and the bag is rubbed hard between the hands, or on a wash-board, the plumes will become massed together into a delicate downy substance, much of which can be used in lining comforters that will be found warm and light. A writer in Harper's Bazar says that such comforters are equal to eider down coverlets. - Boston Budget.

-Oh, yes; low prices are discouraging, but unless we are going to stop farming we must keep on with the work. We are paying a good many million dollars every year for fertilizers for our upland. Let us spend a few thousand dollars in draining our rich low land. Every ton of produce we get from the low land, if consumed on the farm, will enrich the upland, and if sold it will pay our phosphate bill, and, perhaps, leave a comfortable margin. American Agriculturist.

THE WINTER MULCH.

Intelligent Comments on a Subject Which

Many people imagine that, if they do not get their trees and vines mulched before the first hard freezing occurs, it is of no use to mulch at all after that. Such is not the case. There is, excepting with a few varieties of fruits and flowers, no injury at all from quite hard freezing. We do not mulch to keep out frost entirely. Certainly very few mulch heavy enough for that. object in mulching is to prevent alternate freezing and thawing; and with those stems that are bent over and covered the object is, further, to shut off the dry, shriveling winds of winter. A frost-proof covering is not necessary to accomplish this; in fact it should n be frost-proof. A strawberry bed buried to a frost-proof depth would be injured more than if left uncovered. The plants would be smothered in many The ground should freeze moderately

before putting on the mulch. The mice and moles can not then work along through the surface of the ground to the injury of the I have known them to work roots. great havoc in a strawberry bed that was mulched before the ground had frozen at all. It often happens that the snow and mulch together form a frostproof covering through which the cold can not penetrate sufficiently to freeze the ground underneath ; so it is always safer to allow the ground to freeze to a depth of at least an inch or two before putting on the winter covering of mulch So don't neglect the mulching altogether because it has already frozen with no mulch on. In this case it is not exactly "better late than never." It is better late than early. The best material is straw, or even half-rotted manure for that can be used on the land when removed in spring. It may usu-ally be drawn away from the plants, if not wapted for summer mulch, and worked into the soil between the rows. I use the same material for summer mulch, and find it beneficial for holding moisture and fertilizing through the growing season. — W. D. Boynion, in American Garden.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

-The chief of a tribe of Digger Is dians worships a stone churn as his god.

—Mr. Benjamin Carpenter, '88, of Chicago, has been elected leader of the

Harvard Glee Club. -The First Presbyterian Church, of Cincinnati, O., has begun the erection of a branch to be known as the Pilgrim

-Papal Rome has witnessed the laving of the foundation of the twentysecond Protestant house of worship within her limits.

-Garabed S. Azhderlan, an Arme nian, is making his way through Amherst College by selling Oriental em-broideries, scarfs, etc., sent him from -Professor Whitney, of Yale, has

more than ten pupils in his Sanscrit class, the largest class in this language ever brought together in this country. -Hartford Conrant. -The Congregational Sunday-scho committee averaged one new Sunday-

school each day of last year, and thes have developed into churches at the rate of one each week .- N. Y. Witness. -Rev. Alexander Mackay Smith, of New York City, has been elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, Episcopal Church, by the Diocesan Con-

vention of the Episcopal Church in that State. -Zuig Lee, a Fort Worth Chinaman who has been converted to Christianity, is trying to convert the Chinamen of Dallas, Texas, under the anspices of

the Young Men's Christian Association of that place. -Vermont school-children will be given temperance text-books at the State's expense by the terms of a recent act of the legislature providing for the appointment of a commission to buy such books for use in schools .- Troy

Times. -In the Methodist church at Emporia, Kas., on Thanksgiving Day, a mortgage which had long rested on the church property, and which had been canceled the day before, was publicly burned, the congregation singing the doxology.

—At a recent spelling-match in Cheshire, Conn., selected pupils from all the schools were tested on their knowledge of fifty pages of the spelling book. At the end of an hour twelve competitors were left, and the committee deserted the book and tried to floor them with any thing they could think of, but were unable to put down a single one. The prizes were then distributed among the twelve.-Hartford

WIT AND WISDOM.

-The more you check a spendthrift the faster he goes.

-The great high-road of human welfare lies along the old highway of steadfast well-doing .- Smiles.

-The man who is good-natured all day does more for the race than he who wins a battle.-Petersburgh Index-Ap-

peal. -A wise man-

He travels through life on the pleasantest plan, Who tries to steer clear of its worries and jars, Who does for humanity all that he can, And gives up his seat to a girl on the cars.

—The leading dentists in Russia and

Germany are Americans, and they probably have the French and German tongue at their fingers' ends .- Commer cial Bulletin.

-A learned man must write and speak a long time before he can show his learning to the world. A fool can show his ignorance at the first pop. -N. O. Picavune.

said her father, "William asked me for your hand last night, and I consented." "Well, pa, that's the first bill of mine you haven't objected to.-N. Y. Sun. -It am powerful easy to discriminate

between a wise man an' a fanatic. De wise man belongs to your party; de fanatic to de opposishun.-Brother Gardner's Observations.

-Says a fashion note: "Monkey muffs are again in favor." It was certainly time that these musical accompanists were protected from the rigors of cold weather. - Boston Transcript. -"I say, Fatty," exclaimed gamin to his fleshy companion, "is it

yer mudder wot makes yer so fat?" 'Naw, of course it haint!" was the reply. "It's my fodder."-Whitchali —A paragraph in a society paper states that "Oscar Wilde's hair is grow-ing long again" Oscar Wilde? Oscar

Wilde?-Oh, yes, we remember now

that's the colt that won the two mile

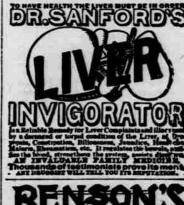
dash for three year olds. Wonder why they don't clip him again!—Burdette.
—Mr. Winks—I see in your house keeper's journal a couple of lines which I think you ought to ponder, Mrs. Winks. It says, "If you always wish to be poor scrape kettles with silver spoons." Mrs. Winks-Oh! I never do such work "I hope not." "No; I that." - Omaha World. "No; I pay a girl to do

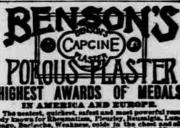
-"Speculate any while you were was asked of a Baltimoreau who reached home a few days ago "Well. I made considerable m Rome." "In what way?" "Well, every time a beggar struck me for a quarter got off for a nickel, and my profits sometimes ran as high as \$10 per day.

-Dr. Burt G. Wilder, the well-know naturalist, relates that his parents being Grahamites, his earliest years were passed in ignorance of the fact that passed in ignorance of the fact that people used flesh for food. By some change of opinion, however, they came to more ordinary customs, and one day a roasted chicken was served for dinner The six-year-old lad gazed in be silderment at this mysterious dish for some moments, and at length he burst out in











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